meets etc. are carried out by the Coir Board to promote exports of coir and coir products. In addition, the External Marketing Assistance is provided to the exporters. Moreover, Research & Development (R&D) efforts for product development, product diversification and quality improvement have also been taken up to make coir products competitive in terms of quality and prices.

Assessment of PMRY

†3792. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made with regards to Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for not assessing the same and by when it is likely to be assessed; and

(d) the percentage of recovery of loans under this scheme?

ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The second round of evaluation of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) for the programme years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 was conducted by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR), New Delhi in the year 2000-01 in 13 districts of five States—Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Punjab and Rajasthan covering 16,397 beneficiaries. The final report of the evaluation has recently been

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submitted. The important findings of the evaluation study (2nd Round) are enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d) As per the latest report received from the Reserve Bank of India, the recovery of loan over dues under the PMRY is 28.6 percent for the half year ended September, 2001.

Statement

Important findings of the evaluation study of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (2nd round)

(i) 61.3% of beneficiaries belong to general category, 25.6% to OBCs, 11% to SCs & 2.1% to STs. Proportion of women is 14%.

(ii) Sanction was 81.6% of target and 74.7% of sanctioned cases were disbursed.

(iii) Average amount of loan disbursed is Rs. 57,403/-per beneficiary.

(iv) Employment Generated is 1.94 persons per functional unit.

(v) The distribution of the beneficiaries in rural/urban areas are 49.9% & 50.1% respectively.

(vi) Assets have been created in 89.7% of the cases disbursed.

(vii) 36.4% of the beneficiaries were repaying the loan installment on time.

(viii) Wilful default have been- found to be in 16% of the default cases.

Action Plan to promote agro and rural industries

t3793. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any concrete measures to

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